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## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

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SEARCHED PATENT DOCUMENTS							
		Document Number	Date	Country	Class	Sub Class	Translation YES      NO
		JP-A-08-34406	2/6/96	Japan			X
		JP-A-06-48411	2/22/94	Japan			X
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